

THIRTY

**Members Added to the Ranks of the
Young Men's Institute
Sunday.**

Father Raffa Commended the Mem-
bers for Evidence of
Faith.

Initiation Followed by An Enjoy-
able Banquet at Tyler
Hotel.

HIGH PRAISE FOR MACKIN

Last Sunday marked another bright spot in the history of Mackin Council, when thirty young men were enrolled in the Young Men's Institute. As a fitting prelude to the day's work the thirty candidates and hundreds of members assembled at St. Charles church and in a body approached the holy table, the good people of the parish relinquishing their news of the world to the Rev. Father Raffo was the celebrant of the mass, and in a short but eloquent sermon he commended the young men for the external evidence given by their lives. Just as they had brought themselves to this point they receive the pledge of eternal life. Manifestations such as made that morning arouse the dormant spirit and always brings something good, for the future will be a future and generous reward.

Notwithstanding the pleasant day and the many outside attractions there was a large gathering at the house to witness the conferring of the degree by the Kentucky Jurisdiction degree team under the direction of Supreme Vice President Robert T. Burke. This consumed about three hours, and the lessons enunciated were such as to leave a lasting and a most impressive one. The team gave the best of the year yet witnessed, and it is safe to predict that many members will accompany them when they visit Trinity Council for the initiation on Wednesday, and the ceremonies had been concluded stirring the patriotic addresses were delivered by Hon. Samuel Robertson, Irvington Earl, Charles Ralby and several of the newly elected members. Shortly after one o'clock the newly initiated and initiated members of the number of about 100 took special cars and proceeded to the Tyler Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared.

James J. Shanley presided at the banquet and was indeed happy in his introductions. Seated with him were the Rev. George M. Connor, the Grand Chaplain of the Kentucky Jurisdiction; the Rev. Father John J. O'Connell, pastor of St. G. Adams, the officers and several who had served as President of Mackin and the speakers of the evening. After full justice had been done to the appealing Wanda Tomstmaster, the speaker of the evening, J. J. Mackin, who congratulated the new members and called upon all to assist him in increasing their number 500 this year. Seb. Hubbard dwelt on the importance of greater unity, and the success they would score when the "Terrace Tavern" was produced, while Secretary W. A. Link made a strong plea for organization and working together for the intellectual and social advancement of the young men.

Rev. George M. Connor expressed his gratification at being now here with the Y. M. C. A. eloquent and successful as the Y. M. C. A. Chaplain urged his hearers to be firm in their faith and loyalty, always striving for that peace that Christ would approve, but insisting upon the same rights for themselves that they would for others. The program then dwelt upon the advantages Mackinac confers, citing the gymnasium, library, pool rooms, baths, etc., which outsiders did not appreciate. J. Guy Nevin was surprised to be called upon and appeared to say he was pleased with the prospects for the opera, the day's work and the banquet. Attorney A. J. Bizot took for his subject present day progress, and read together with the speaker, called upon the audience and politicians from all over the country. Taft, Clark, Roosevelt, Wilson, LaFollette, Marshall, McCreary, Mayor Head and others being among the number. Middle

good-bye before his departure for Europe, cautioned the members not to stand still or be idle, and promised to lead the younger set upon his return. Others who had kind words for the Y. M. C. A. were Messrs. Richardson, secretary of the Coastmaster; Pal Lee, Lehmenkuler, William M. Higgins, John J. Hencham, Dr. A. R. Bisot, Louis J. Kieffer, George J. Lantz and Charles Raidy. Mackin's efforts will now be devoted to the opera to be produced in May.

CARDINAL'S BIRTHDAY.

Cardinal Farley on this Saturday will have attained three score and ten years. Although he did his best to let this milestone in his life slip by unheeded, some of his friends among the laity were not in accord with him, and for several days he has been receiving messages of congratulations and gifts. Although the Cardinal has snow white hair he does not look his seventy years. Cardinal Farley is right in years younger than Cardinal Gibbons, seventeen years older than Cardinal O'Connell and the same age as Cardinal Falconio.